

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

Statement of Proceedings for May 10, 2000

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2000

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

FOR THE REGULAR BUDGET HEARING MEETING

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

HELD IN ROOM 381B OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

9:30 A.M.

Present: Supervisors Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Zev Yaroslavsky, Don
Knabe,
Michael D. Antonovich and Gloria Molina, Chair

Absent: None

1.0 BUDGET HEARINGS

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The Board received and filed and took under advisement requests and statements relating to the 2000-01 County Budget as follows:

1. Statement of Michael P. Judge, Public Defender, requesting \$4.4 million in funding for additional positions to defend various cases including those related to the Rampart Scandal; \$34,000 to compensate law clerks who participate in a summer work program; four additional Investigator positions to reduce overtime; financing for three additional Data Systems Coordinators to bring the ratio down to 1 staff person per 75; and a single Deputy Public Defender position for the District Attorney's Stalking Unit.

2. Statement of Bruce Hoffman, Alternate Public Defender, regarding

Court Unification and the Rampart Scandal. Mr. Hoffman is requesting

\$1.3 million to fund nine Grade III lawyers and three legal office assistants to address the logistical problems caused by Court Unification. Mr. Hoffman is also requesting \$2.8 million to review, investigate and adequately handle the cases as a result of the Rampart Scandal.

3.Statement of Michael L. Galindo, Acting Auditor-Controller, requesting \$1.6 million in funding to provide ongoing training to departments on accounting and payroll activities and to develop a Finance Manager training program in cooperation with the Department of Human Resources; to provide for expansion of the Risk Management Inspector General function; and to comply with recent accounting standard changes used to value all the County's assets and determine depreciation on those assets ensuring that the County's financial statements are accepted by the financial community;

4.Statement of Ms. Gladys Lee, President and Nancy Au, Vice President of Planning of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (APPPCON), requesting the Board's continued support of the Council and its programs for the Asian Pacific Islander (API) population. Ms. Lee also raised issues concerning capacity building which includes funding of critical services such as outreach and

education;

public policies that are responsive, and representation on County Committees/Commissions all necessary to increase the capacity to

meet

the diverse needs of the API population. Ms. Lee also addressed the budgets of various departments. Nancy Au's statements related to

the

recruitment of mental health workers or social workers as a viable career.

5. Statements of Peter Dammers, Tammy Lee and Martin Berman, Department of Community and Senior Services employees, regarding service to elderly and disabled clients and the need to hire additional staff, as well as a night shift/alternate work shift in order to serve at risk clients 24 hours a day/7 days a week and decrease the overtime requirements of existing staff so that quality service can be provided to their clients;

6. Statement of Louise Rishoff, Chair of the Library Commission, requesting consideration of a three-year budget augmentation plan which addresses high demand areas of service such as increased service hours, technology improvements and an increase in book and library materials; and requesting a General Fund allocation of \$7.0 million for Fiscal Year 2000-01 which represents an increase of \$1.0 million plus \$6 million for the first year request in the Commission's multi-year plan.

6.1 Statement by Sandra Reuben, County Librarian, regarding the future of library services and capital improvements.

7. Statement of Lynn Brandstater, representing Verdugo Mental Health Center regarding the mental health budget and support of funding for indigent care and Dr. Southard's joint planning process.

8. Statement of Sandra Fontal, Director of Grace Center, requesting modification of Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Los Angeles County District Attorney, Sheriff, and Department of Children and Family Services as well as other agencies, reestablishing the

Multi-disciplinary Interview Team to interview child abuse victims and child witnesses in a child centered approach and warm, home-like facility.

Absent: None

2.0 MISCELLANEOUS

-- During the statement of Louise Rishoff and Sandra Reuben, the Board instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to send a 5-signature letter to the Governor, Speaker of the State Assembly and Speaker Pro Tem of the State Assembly expressing its pleasure that Proposition 14, the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2000, was passed by the voters of California in March. Further the Board urged the prompt completion of appointments to the California Public Library Construction and Renovation Board and timely development of the rules, regulations, and policies needed to implement the bond measure.

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The Budget Hearing meeting adjourned (Following Board Order No. 3-B). to Thursday morning, May 11, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. Next regular meeting of the Board is Tuesday, May 16, 2000.

The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the Budget
Hearing

meeting held Wednesday, May 10, 2000, by the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other
special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for
which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS

Executive Officer-Clerk

of the Board of Supervisors

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ROBIN A. GUERRERO

Chief, Board Operations Division
